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As a longtime Macintosh user but also someone who recognizes the immense value of the open source movement, I have significant reservations about the proposed settlement. My primary concern is that none of the remedies appear to offer any protection for any of the open source OSs or applications, those which Microsoft is clearly intent on eradicating and which Steve Ballmer actually referred to as a "cancer" in June of last year.

I believe that were remedies specifically put in place to protect open source software from Microsoft's predatory and clearly anti-competitive actions, it would breed some healthy competition for Microsoft, which in the end is best for the consumer. And isn't that what the case is really all about? Thanks for listening.

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